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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Restriction Requirement mailed December 3, 2003 requires a restriction to one of the following groups: Group I (claims 1-20) drawn to a method for making fibers, or Group II (claim 21) drawn to an optical waveguide system. In response to the Restriction Requirement, the applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-20, drawn to a method for making fibers, and expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of the case, it is respectfully requested the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2074.

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